INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

DEPUTY INVOLVED SHOOTING: On Duty-Hit Shooting

CASE NUMBER: SH 2393052

FILE NUMBER: 016-00162-2873-055

STATION/UNIT/BUREAU: Central Patrol Division/Compton Sheriff's Station

DATE/TIME/DAY: January 4, 2016, 2151 hours, Monday

LOCATION: [redacted]S. Tarrant Avenue, Compton, CA 90220

SYNOPSIS:

On January 4, 2016, Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) Lieutenant Kelly Adler #[redacted], Sergeants [redacted] #[redacted], and Dennis Watters #[redacted], responded to the above location in an unincorporated area of Los Angeles County to investigate a deputy involved, hit-shooting involving Deputy Omar Covarrubias #[redacted].

IAB Lieutenant Adler confirmed the watch commander, Lieutenant Marc Lucio, #[redacted], took reasonable steps to ensure that the involved and witness personnel did not discuss the incident among themselves or with uninvolved persons prior to being interviewed by the assigned investigators. In addition, IAB Lieutenant Adler confirmed the involved personnel gathered in the company of a supervisor until they provided a statement to the assigned investigators.

On January 4, 2016, Deputy Omar Covarrubias and his partner, Deputy Cesar Del Castillo #[redacted] assigned to Compton Station, were working PM shift patrol as unit 287D1. At approximately 2047 hours, they were assigned the handle a criminal threats/assault with a deadly weapon, report call at [redacted], in [redacted]. Refer to the call incident record **[EXHIBIT A, PAGE 37]** and the 911 call contained on the thumb drive labeled **[EXHIBIT B]**.

Deputies Covarrubias and Del Castillo responded to the location and contacted the informant, Victim [redacted] Victim [redacted] informed both deputies the suspect, Derrick Wright, also known as "Bear" from the "Swamps Compton Crips" street gang, threatened him with a firearm earlier in the day. Victim [redacted] stated he was driving his personal vehicle when Suspect Wright drove up in a white Infiniti, stopped his vehicle next to his, and pointed a semi-automatic handgun at him. Victim [redacted] stated this was the second threat made by Suspect Wright.

Victim [redacted] explained Suspect Wright lived in the neighborhood on Visalia Avenue. For additional details of the incident, refer to the Criminal Report, #916-00160-2873-051 **[EXHIBIT A, PAGE 1-10]**. Victim [redacted] also provided deputies with a video of the threat made by Suspect Wright earlier in the day. Refer to Suspect Wright Video **[EXHIBIT B]**.

> **IAB NOTE:** The video depicts Suspect Wright driving a white sedan and pointing a black handgun at Victim [redacted] and his passenger, Victim [redacted]

At the conclusion of the call, Deputies Covarrubias and Del Castillo escorted Victim [redacted] out of the neighborhood. Using Department resources, they conducted a criminal history search of Suspect Wright, and confirmed his gang affiliation, his criminal history and obtained a current home address, which was within the immediate area. Deputies Covarrubias and Del Castillo attempted to notify Operation Safe Streets (OSS) detectives of the incident. Due to the late hour, they were unsuccessful making notification.

Deputies Covarrubias and Del Castillo searched the immediate area in an attempt to locate the white Infiniti. They drove in a southeast direction on Tarrant Avenue, approaching Haskins Avenue. They observed a white Infiniti parked within the cul de sac of the [redacted] block of Tarrant Avenue.

> **IAB NOTE:** The cul de sac is an extension of Tarrant Avenue and a north/ south street, which parallels Haskins Avenue. It is west of Haskins Avenue. [redacted] are situated on the cul de sac. Refer to aerial photo **[EXHIBIT A, PAGE 69]**.

The Infiniti was backed into the cul de sac, parked along the east curb line. The front of the Infiniti was facing north. As Deputies Covarrubias and Del Castillo drove toward the Infiniti, they observed the vehicle brandished "Cerrito Auto" paper plates on the front bumper of the vehicle. The Infiniti matched the vehicle description provided by Victim [redacted] and it appeared to be the same vehicle they observed in the video provided by Victim [redacted].

As they continued to drive toward the cul de sac, they could see the interior of the Infiniti through the front windshield and side windows. The Infiniti appeared to be unoccupied. Deputies Covarrubias and Del Castillo decided to approach the Infiniti to confirm if it was in fact the suspect vehicle.

> **IAB NOTE:** Deputy Covarrubias was driving the patrol vehicle. Deputy Del Castillo was the passenger (bookman).

Deputy Covarrubias parked his patrol vehicle directly in front of the Infiniti, just north of the front bumper. The patrol vehicle was facing south, and was parked approximately 15-20 feet from the front bumper of the Infiniti. The interior of the Infiniti was illuminated with their vehicle headlights, and the driver's side spot light.

Deputies Covarrubias and Del Castillo exited their patrol vehicle and approached the white Infiniti on foot with their duty weapons drawn. Deputy Covarrubias exited the driver's door of their patrol vehicle and approached the passenger side of the Infiniti. Deputy Del Castillo exited the passenger door of their patrol vehicle, and approached the driver's side of the Infiniti. Before clearing the front bumper of their patrol vehicle, Suspect Wright immediately sat up from a reclined position from the driver's seat of the Infiniti.

Deputies Covarrubias and Del Castillo kept their weapons drawn toward the suspect, maintained their distance, and yelled orders at Suspect Wright to raise his hands. Suspect Wright did not comply with their orders, and immediately drove the Infiniti in reverse, toward the south end of the cul de sac.

Using his portable handheld radio, Deputy Del Castillo immediately asked for emergency radio clearance in an effort to request additional units to their location for a fleeing felony suspect. Deputy Del Castillo moved to the west side of the street to avoid being within the path of suspect's vehicle. Deputy Covarrubias maintained his position east of their patrol vehicle.

Suspect Wright drove the vehicle forward, toward the front bumper of the patrol vehicle, and immediately stopped. He reversed the vehicle back again, toward the south end of the cul de sac, coming to a complete stop, with the rear passenger tire rested on the east curb. Suspect Wright immediately exited the driver's door with a handgun in his right hand, and ran southbound toward the trunk of the Infiniti. He ran eastbound around the trunk of the Infiniti and toward a cinder block wall, located on the east side of the cul de sac.

As Suspect Wright reached the wall, he stopped and turned his upper body northbound, toward Deputy Covarrubias. Suspect Wright pointed the firearm at Deputies Covarrubias and Del Castillo. Believing Suspect Wright was going to shoot him, and in fear for his life, Deputy Covarrubias fired one round from his duty weapon at Suspect Wright as he scaled the wall.

> **IAB NOTE:** The cinder block wall is approximately five feet, and two inches in height. It is located just east of the east sidewalk and runs parallel to the sidewalk.

Suspect Wright scaled the cinder block wall and entered the backyard of [redacted] Deputy Del Castillo received emergency clearance and advised Sheriff's Communication Center (SCC), they were involved in a shooting, and requested assisting units to their location. As Suspect Wright fled eastbound from their location, Deputies Covarrubias and Del Castillo immediately set up a containment of the area.

Deputy Covarrubias ran to the corner of Tarrant Avenue and Haskins Avenue where he contained the north and east sides of the corner. Deputy Del Castillo maintained his position on the cul de sac of Tarrant Avenue, and contained the north and west corner of the backyard of [redacted] With the assistance of responding units, a containment of the immediate area was established within two to three minutes.

> **IAB NOTE:** Both deputies maintained visual contact with one another during the preliminary containment of the suspect, and continued communication with one another.

Suspect Wright ran southbound through the backyard of [redacted], opened the side gate located at the south end of the property, and ran eastbound toward the front yard. Suspect Wright hid within a partially concealed front porch of the residence.

> **IAB NOTE:** Suspect Wright's direction of travel was determined by blood drops located within the back and side yards of [redacted] Refer to Homicide Investigation Book, **[EXHIBIT A, PAGE 126]**, and crime scene photographs of [redacted] Avenue **[EXHIBIT B]**.

Additional units from neighboring Sheriff's Stations responded to the containment and assisted as needed. Special Enforcement Bureau (SEB) canine units responded to the scene and requested the response of an SEB, Special Weapons Team, to assist with an area search for the suspect. The SEB Red Team, supervised by Sergeant Eric Lee #[redacted], responded to the command post, located at Alondra and Central Avenue, in Compton, and planned an area search for Suspect Wright.

IAB NOTE: For details regarding the response and actions of SEB, refer to SEB Activation Report **[EXHIBIT C]**.

At approximately 2318 hours, ground units on the containment were advised by Aero, a heat source was located on the front porch of [redacted] Additionally Compton Station dispatch received a "Prowler" call from [redacted] The caller indicated an unknown person was lying on their front porch.

IAB NOTE: Aero Bureau utilizes Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR) cameras to assist with searches for outstanding suspects. A FLIR detects heat sources, such as the body of a human being.

Members of the SEB Red Team, Canine Unit, and Emergency Services Detail (ESD) formed a tactical response team and coordinated an approach of the location to apprehend the suspect.

Utilizing an Armored Rescue Vehicle (ARV) as cover, members of SEB approached the location from the south, traveled northbound on Haskins Avenue from Alondra Boulevard, until they reached the front yard of [redacted] The AVR was parked on the front lawn of [redacted], at a northwest angle faced toward the residence.

Several public address announcements were made to Suspect Wright by SEB and by the air unit, commanding Suspect Wright to surrender. The announcements were ineffective, as no response was made by Suspect Wright. A diversionary device (flash bang) was deployed to stimulate Suspect Wright and attain his attention. The flash bang had the desired effect. Suspect Wright was ordered to crawl out from the porch area and surrender. Suspect Wright complied with the orders and crawled out from the front porch area face down. Due to a gunshot wound to his leg, Suspect Wright stopped on the front lawn of the residence, just short of the arrest team. The arrest team consisted of 5-7 members of SEB, assigned with lethal and less lethal weapons. The arrest team approached Suspect Wright and he was handcuffed by canine handler, Deputy Jason Phillippi #[redacted] without incident.

Suspect Wright was searched on the front lawn of [redacted] He was found to be in possession of marijuana and $1890.00 in U.S. currency. Refer to Criminal Report, File # 016-00162-2873-055 **[EXHIBIT A, PAGES 11-15, and PAGE 45]**.

Suspect Wright sustained a gunshot wound to his left calf area. Compton City Fire Department was requested to the scene and treated Suspect Wright for his injuries. Suspect Wright was transported via ambulance to UCLA Harbor General Hospital, in the city of Torrance where he was medically treated. He was escorted to the hospital by Deputies [redacted] and Steven Kaniewski #[redacted].

Suspect Wright was released from UCLA Harbor General Hospital with an "Ok to Book". He was transported to Compton Sheriff's Station where he was booked for Assault with a Firearm on a Peace Officer, Vehicle Theft, and Driving on a Suspended License. Refer to Suspect Wright's Probable Cause Declaration, and booking information **[EXHIBIT A, PAGES 73-75]**.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE AND WORK HISTORY

Omar Covarrubias, Deputy, #[redacted] MH/33, 5'11", 210lbs, DOB
Central Patrol Division
Compton Sheriff's Station, Unit 287D1/PMS

Work History

Date of Employment: 03/27/2007
Date Assigned to Patrol: 02/23/2014
Date Completed Patrol Training: [redacted]
Prior Shooting Incidents:
Prior Founded Force Incidents:

Equipment Available

Class A Uniform
Sam Browne gun belt containing:
9MM Smith and Wesson M&P
Magazine pouch containing (2) magazines loaded with (17) rounds each
Portable radio
Two handcuff cases containing handcuffs
Keys
Oleoresin Capsicum spray
Ballistic Vest
Tourniquet

SUSPECT INFORMATION:

Derrick Munzel Wright, Booking # 4542276
Sex: Male Race: Black DOB: 09/13/1984 Age: 31 Height: 5'07" Weight: 220
Hair: Black Eyes: Brown Aliases: "Wookie" or "Bear"
Address: [redacted]
CII: #[redacted] MAIN: [redacted] FBI: [redacted]

Suspect Wright was [redacted] His [redacted] and [redacted] He was associated with the "Swamps Compton Crips" criminal street gang. A copy of Suspect Wright's criminal history is included in the Homicide Investigation Book **[EXHIBIT A, PAGES 82-119]**.

SUSPECT VEHICLE

A 2011 Infiniti M37, white, 4-door sedan, VIN #[redacted] The vehicle was reported stolen on November 16, 2015, out of the Los Angeles Police Department's Foothill Division. Refer to the CHP-180 Recovery Report, File #016-00162-2873-732 **[EXHIBIT A, PAGES 28-32]**.

Homicide Investigators conducted an inventory of the suspect's vehicle and recovered a loaded firearm. Refer to Crime Scene Investigation Reports and Laboratory Examination Reports **[EXHIBIT A, PAGES 120-133].**

SUSPECT INJURIES

Suspect Wright sustained a single gunshot wound to his left calf area. The bullet entered his left ankle and exited through the left leg, shin area. Suspect Wright sustained no other injuries. For further details regarding suspect injuries, refer to Harbor General Medical Records, **[EXHIBIT A, PAGES 22-25].**

Suspect Wright was retreated for his gunshot wound at the Los Angeles County USC Hospital. Medical records noted Suspect Wright's injury was to soft tissue. No vascular damage or fracture was detected. Refer to Los Angeles County Medical Records **[EXHIBIT D]**.

DEPUTY PERSONNEL INJURIES

No injuries sustained by deputy personnel.

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

All physical evidence was located and collected by Homicide Investigators Ralph Hernandez #[redacted] and John Carlin #[redacted] They were assisted by Forensic Identification Specialist II, Marisela Hancock [redacted], Firearms Examiner Deputy Ivan Chavez #[redacted] Forensic Identification Specialist David Alonso #[redacted] Senior Criminalist Julie Elbogen #[redacted], and Deputy Steve Woolum #[redacted] of the Sheriff's Crime Lab. Refer to Crime Scene Investigation Reports and Laboratory Examination Reports **[EXHIBIT A, PAGES 120-133].** To review crime scene photographs, refer to the thumb drive, crime scene photographs **[EXHIBIT B]**.

There were three separate crime scenes in this incident. The three crime scenes are listed in order of occurrence.

Crime Scene #1 – [redacted] South Tarrant Avenue, Compton

Deputies Covarrubias and Del Castillo located Suspect Wright's vehicle within the cul de sac of Tarrant Avenue. Suspect Wright was located inside the vehicle, fled on foot, and prior to scaling a cinder block wall, pointed a firearm at both deputies. Deputy Covarrubias fired a single round from his duty weapon. One expended shell casing was located on the east sidewalk of the cul de sac, just a few feet east of the rear tire well of the patrol vehicle. Refer to crime scene diagram, **[EXHIBIT A, PAGE 127]**.

The suspect vehicle, a white Infiniti remained at the location. A loaded firearm was located inside the suspect vehicle, on the rear passenger seat. For details regarding the evidence located at the scene #1, refer to Crime Scene Investigation Reports and Laboratory Examination Reports **[EXHIBIT A, PAGES 120-133].**

Crime Scene #2 – [redacted] Compton

Suspect Wright scaled a center block wall, and landed in the backyard of [redacted]. Crime scene investgators identified a blood trail starting at the northwest corner of the backyard, and which trailed through the backyard, to the south sideyard of the residence, and ending at the front porch of the residence. For details regarding evidence located at crime scene #2, refer to Crime Scene Investigation Reports and Laboratory Examiniation Reports **[EXHIBIT A, PAGES 120-133]**.

Crime Scene #3 – [redacted] Compton

A bullet hole was observed by Homicide Investigators, and Forensic Identification Specialist II, Marisela Hancock on the outside north east corner bedroom window, which faces north. The bullet penetrated the window, struck the interior blinds of the north window, and struck a television. The bullet struck the south wall of the bedroom before landing inside a crib located along the south wall of the bedroom. Photographs of the bedroom and recovered expended bullet were included in the thumb drive labeled **[EXHIBIT B]**. For details regarding evidence located at crime scene #3, refer to Crime Scene Investigation Reports and Laboratory Examiniation Reports **[EXHIBIT A, PAGES 120-133]**.

INVESTIGTOR'S OBSERVATIONS

Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeants [redacted] and Dennis Watters responded to the scene on January 4, 2016, at approximately 2330 hours. Homicide Bureau Lieutenant Steve Jauch #[redacted] escorted IAB Investigators to the multiple crime scenes. The scenes were described in detail by Homicide Investigator, Sergeants Kenneth Perry #[redacted] and Dan Mc Elderry #[redacted] Their description of the scene was consistent with IAB Investigator's observations.

Members of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Crime Lab conducted a technical investigation of the scene. Additionally, they provided photographs and diagrams of the scene. See a copy of their completed Crime Scene Investigation Report, included as **[EXHIBIT A, PAGES 120-127]** and photographs contained on a thumb drive labeled **[EXHIBIT B]**.

No surveillance video was located. Radio traffic, which included the dispatch channel, Mutual Aid 5, and L-TAC were included on the thumb drive, labeled as **[EXHIBIT B]**.

WEAPON USED BY DEPUTY OMAR COVARRUBIAS

Deputy Omar Covarrubias fired one round from his Department issued 9 mm, Smith and Wesson M&P semi-automatic pistol, serial number HAT[redacted]. Deputy Ivan Chavez, #[redacted], of the Scientific Services Bureau, Firearms Identification Section, examined his firearm and found it to be functional **[EXHIBIT A, PAGES 128-129]**. One 9MM expended shell casing and one fired bullet were recovered from the scene and identified as being fired from the Smith and Wesson pistol. **[EXHIBIT A, PAGES 128-129]**.

Date Last Qualified: [redacted]
Date Last Trained with Weapon: [redacted]

WEAPON USED BY SUSPECT DERRICK WRIGHT

A Ceska Zbrojovka, Model 52, semi-automatic 7.62 x 25mm pistol, Serical Number [redacted] was located in the white Infiniti, occupied by Suspect Wright just prior to the shooting.

IAB Note: Photographs of Suspect Wright's weapon were taken by Crime Lab personnel. A copy of these photographs is contained on the thumb drive labeled **[EXHIBIT B]**.

No additional firearms were located within the general vincinty or in Suspect Wright's possession.

PROPERTY DAMAGE

The residence at [redacted] sustained property damage to the front northeast corner bedroom. The damage consisted of a broken window, damage window blinds, a television monitor, and drywall.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR/CHARGES FILED

The criminal investigation was handled by Homicide Bureau Investigators Sergeants Kenneth Perry and Dan Mc Elderry. On March 2, 2016, Sergeants Perry and Mc Elderry presented their criminal case to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's office. Charges were filed under Case #TA139004, which included two counts of Assault with a Deadly Weapon, 245(B) P.C., Assault Against a Peace Officer, 69 P.C., Vehicle Theft, 10851 C.V.C., two counts of a Felon in Possession of a Firearm, 29800 (A) P.C., and two counts of Brandishing a Firearm, 417.3 P.C.

On May 4, 2017, Suspect Wright was convicted on all counts, with the exception of the Assault Against a Peace Officer. On May 31, 2017, Suspect Wright was sentenced to thirty-eight years in state prison. Refer to Superior Court Minute Orders **[MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS]**.

LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

The shooting occurred during night time hours. One street light on the east side of the cul de sac illuminated east side of the cul de sac. Lighting was limited. The area was wet with light rains. Refer to Tarrant Avenue crime scene photographs **[EXHIBITS B].**

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INVOLVED EMPLOYEE STATEMENT:

On September 26, 2017, IAB Sergeants [redacted] and Javier Azteca #[redacted] conducted an interview of **Deputy Omar Covarrubias #**[redacted], at Internal Affairs Bureau. On December 21, 2017, a second interview was conducted by IAB Sergeants [redacted] and Carmen Arballo #[redacted] at Internal Affairs Bureau. Both interviews were digitally audio recorded and transcribed. The following is a summary of those interviews. (Refer to the transcripts for the complete interview).

> **IAB NOTE:** Homicide Investigators authored a supplemental report, which summarized their interview of Deputy Covarrubias. See **[EXHIBIT A, PAGES 55-58]**.

Deputy Covarrubias was assigned to Compton Station, PM shift as Unit 287D1. He was partnered with Deputy Cesar Del Castillo. They had been partners since August of 2015. Their shift started at [redacted] hours and ended at [redacted] hours. Prior to the start of his shift, Deputy Covarrubias attended [redacted] which started at 0700hrs, and ended at 1500 hours.

Deputy Del Castillo was always the bookman and Deputy Covarrubias drove. It was agreed between both deputies any emergency radio traffic would be broadcast by Deputy Del Castillo

Deputies Covarrubias and Del Castillo were assigned a criminal threats report call, file #916-00160-2873-050 **[EXHIBIT A, PAGES 1-10]**. They responded to the call and contacted the victim, [redacted] who informed them he was threatened with a firearm by the suspect, Derrick Wright. According to Victim [redacted], Suspect Wright brandished a firearm while he was driving in his vehicle. Victim [redacted] presented both deputies with video of the incident and suspect information.

> **IAB NOTE**: Deputy Covarrubias observed the suspect vehicle to be a white Infiniti.

> **IAB NOTE:** Victim [redacted] informed Deputy Covarrubias the suspect vehicle displayed paper plates.

Deputy Covarrubias was concerned knowing the suspect lived in the immediate area and was armed. Deputy Covarrubias ran a criminal history search of Suspect Wright and learned he had an extensive criminal history and belonged to the street gang, "Swamp Compton Crips".

Once Deputies Covarrubias and Del Castillo gathered all the necessary information for their report, they escorted Victim [redacted] out of the area. Their initial intention was to locate the suspect's home address, or the suspect's vehicle, lock down that location and notify station detectives for a possible service of a search warrant. As they drove southeast on Tarrant Avenue, they located the suspect vehicle within minutes. The vehicle was facing north, backed into the cul de sac. As they approached closer to the vehicle they observed the vehicle had paper plates and the vehicle appeared to be unoccupied.

Deputy Covarrubias explained they believed the vehicle to be unoccupied and they decided to approach the vehicle. Deputy Covarrubias believed the position of the suspect's vehicle, allowed the suspect to easily drive away from the location. To prevent the suspect's vehicle from fleeing, Deputy Covarrubias parked his vehicle directly in front of the white Infiniti.

> **IAB NOTE:** During his IAB interview, Deputy Covarrubias stated due to the limited space on the cul de sac, the safest and quickest approach toward the vehicle was head on.

Deputy Covarrubias lit up the interior of the suspect's vehicle utilizing his spot light from his patrol vehicle. Deputies Covarrubias and Del Castillo, exited their patrol vehicle with their weapons drawn. Both deputies approached the suspect vehicle. Deputy Covarrubias approached on the east side of the vehicles, and Deputy Del Castillo approached on the west side of the vehicles.

Without warning, a male black adult, later identified as Suspect Wright, popped up from a reclined position in the driver's seat of the vehicle. Deputy Covarrubias believed Suspect Wright was armed and dangerous. He ordered the suspect to show his hands. Suspect Wright's hands were down low and not in view. Suspect Wright did not comply with his commands.

Suspect Wright reversed his vehicle south toward the end of the cul de sac. Deputy Covarrubias believed Suspect Wright would flee the area in the vehicle, and he retreated to the driver's door of his patrol vehicle. The suspect vehicle suddenly stopped, and the suspect immediately exited the driver's door with a firearm in his right hand. Suspect Wright ran south toward the rear trunk area of the Infiniti.

> **IAB NOTE:** Deputy Covarrubias was provided a photograph of the shooting crime scene and marked his location at the scene when they first observed Suspect Wright. See photographs labeled as **[EXHIBIT E]**.

> **IAB NOTE:** Deputy Covarrubias stated he could clearly see the torso of Suspect Wright.

Suspect Wright ran east toward a cinder block wall. It was Deputy Covarrubias' belief, Suspect Wright would jump the cinder block wall and flee. When Suspect Wright reached the cinder block wall, he stopped, and made eye contact with Deputy Covarrubias.

> **IAB NOTE:** Deputy Covarrubias believed Suspect Wright was reassessing the situation, and intended to shoot him.

As Suspect Wright looked north toward Deputy Covarrubias, he pointed his firearm at Deputy Covarrubias. Fearing for his safety, Deputy Covarrubias raised his firearm with the intention of shooting Suspect Wright. As Deputy Covarrubias stood a few feet east of his patrol vehicle, he fired his duty weapon once at Suspect Wright.

> **IAB NOTE:** Deputy Covarrubias fired in a southern direction toward Suspect Wright and aimed center mass. He used the cinder block wall as his back drop.

Deputies Covarrubias and Del Castillo backed up from their patrol vehicle to increase their distance from Suspect Wright. Deputy Del Castillo obtained emergency radio clearance and advised SCC they were involved in a shooting. They established a partial containment of the area and suspect. Deputy Del Castillo remained at the mouth of the cul de sac of Tarrant Avenue, and Deputy Covarrubias positioned himself on Haskins Avenue and Tarrant, northeast of the suspect's last seen location.

Deputy Del Castillo requested assisting units to their location and coordinated a contaiment of the area.

Deputy Covarrubias was removed from the shooting scene when his field sergeant arrived on scene. Deputy Covarrubias was transported to Compton Sheriff's Station until the apprehension of the suspect. He was transported back to Haskins Avenue and Tarrant Avenue to conduct a field show-up of the suspect.

EMPLOYEE WITNESS STATEMENT:

Deputy Cesar Del Castillo

On September 26, 2017, IAB Sergeants [redacted] and Javier Azteca conducted an interview of Witness **Deputy Cesar Del Castillo #**[redacted] at Internal Affairs Bureau. A second IAB interview was conducted on December 21, 2017, by IAB Sergeants [redacted] and Carmen Arballo #[redacted]. Both interviews were digitally audio recorded and transcribed. The following is a summary of Deputy Del Castillo's interviews. (Refer to the transcripts for the complete interview).

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Deputy Del Castillo has been assigned to Compton Station since December of 2013. Prior to January 4, 2016, Deputy Del Castillo was partnered with Deputy Covarrubias for approximately 8 months. On January 4, 2016, they were assigned as Compton Station PM unit 287D1. They were assigned a criminal threats report call and contacted the victim of the call. Refer to call details **[EXHIBIT A, PAGE 37]**.

The victim informed both deputies he was threatened with a firearm by the suspect, Derrick Wright. The suspect lived within the area, had a criminal history and was a gang member. The victim also provided a video of the threats made by Suspect Wright. Based on the information they received from the victim, they believed a crime occurred.

Deputies Del Castillo and Covarrubias began a preliminary field investigation with the information they were provided. Believing the suspect lived within the immediate area, they began to search the neighborhood. As they traveled southbound on Tarrant Avenue, they approached a cul de sac on Tarrant Avenue. They observed a white Infiniti with paper plates, parked along the east curb line. The vehicle matched the description of the vehicle provided by the victim. The vehicle was illuminated with the patrol vehicle's spot light, and the vehicle appeared to be empty.

IAB NOTE: Deputy Del Castillo stated he did not request a back-up unit to their location because he believed the vehicle was empty.

Deputy Covarrubias parked their patrol vehicle north of the Infiniti. The patrol vehicle was facing the front of the Infiniti. Deputy Del Castillo exited his patrol vehicle with his weapon drawn and walked west, away from the patrol car. He took a wide approach toward the Infiniti's driver door.

IAB NOTE: Deputy Del Castillo stated he utilized the illumination device on his duty weapon to assist with illuminating the interior of the Infiniti.

As Deputy Del Castillo stood in line with the front bumper of the patrol vehicle, Suspect Wright immediately sat up from a reclined position in the driver's seat of the Infiniti. As soon as Suspect Wright saw Deputy Del Castillo, he immediately placed the Infiniti in reverse. The suspect stopped the vehicle, then drove the vehicle forward. Suspect Wright backed the vehicle up toward the south end of the cul de sac, and immediately exited the vehicle's driver door.

Deputy Del Castillo believed Suspect Wright was going to flee in the vehicle. He requested emergency clearance for a fleeing felony suspect, and repositioned himself on the west side of the street.

IAB NOTE: Deputy Del Castillo stated the sequence of events occurred quickly.

As the Infiniti came to a stop, Suspect Wright immediately exited the driver's door with a firearm in his right hand. Suspect Wright ran southbound toward the trunk of the Infiniti, and then ran east, toward a cinder block wall located on the east side of the cul de sac. As Suspect Wright began to scale the wall, he pointed a firearm north in the direction of Deputy Covarrubias and himself. As Suspect Wright pointed the firearm in their direction, Deputy Covarrubias fired one round at Suspect Wright.

IAB NOTE: Deputy Del Castillo stated he did not fire his duty weapon at Suspect Wright because he was looking for a street sign to provide accurate location information to his assisting units.

Suspect Wright scaled the cinder block and entered the backyard of a residence located on Haskins Avenue. Deputy Del Castillo received emergency radio clearance and advised SCC and assisting units they were involved in a shooting and that the suspect fled on foot, eastbound toward Haskins Avenue. Deputy Del Castillo coordinated a containment of the area, as Deputy Covarrubias positioned himself on the corner of Tarrant Avenue and Haskins Avenue. No attempt was made to locate the suspect due to the high risk situation involving an armed suspect.

IAB NOTE: Deputy Del Castillo maintained visual contact with Deputy Covarrubias during the preliminary containment of Suspect Wright.

Deputy Del Castillo requested an airship and additional resources to assist with the containment of Suspect Wright. Once the containment was established, both deputies were relieved from their containment spots. Deputy Del Castillo was transported to Compton Station where he remained inside the watch sergeant's office for the remainder of the containment. Once Suspect Wright was apprehended, Deputy Del Castillo was returned to the suspect's location for a field show-up of Suspect Wright.

IAB NOTE: During his IAB interview, Deputy Del Castillo was provided the opportunity to identify areas of his location during the shooting incident. Refer to photographs labeled as **[EXHIBIT F]**.

Deputy Daniel Richards

On December 19, 2017, IAB Sergeants [redacted] and David Moore # [redacted] conducted an interview of **Witness Deputy Daniel Richards #** [redacted], at Internal Affairs Bureau. The interview was audio recorded and transcribed. The following is a summary of Deputy Richards' interview. (Refer to the transcript for the complete interview). Deputy Richards authored the criminal report regarding this shooting which is attached in the Homicide Investigation Book **[EXHIBIT A, PAGES 11-15]**.

On January 5, 2016, Deputy Richards was assigned as Compton Station unit 285E. He was assigned to the early morning shift, with a start time of [redacted] hours. Deputy Ernest Celaya was his partner.

Deputy Richards was at Compton Station when he heard emergency radio traffic for a deputy involved shooting near Tarrant Avenue and Haskins Avenue, in Compton. He along with Deputy Celaya, responded to the location within minutes. Upon their arrival, they took a containment spot south of Alondra Boulevard on Tarrant Avenue. They later repositioned their containment to Tarrant Avenue, north of Alondra Boulevard, and just north of the handling deputies' patrol vehicle.

Deputy Richards contacted Deputies Covarrubias and Del Castillo to obtain preliminary information of the outstanding suspect, and his last seen direction of travel. A containment of the surrounding area was set up using Compton Station units and assisting station units. Additional resources, such as an air ship and canine units responded to the location to assist with the containment of the area.

An unknown canine handler contacted Deputy Richards, and Deputy Richards relayed to him the suspect information and last seen direction of travel. Deputy Richards stated he heard radio traffic that the suspect was observed on the porch of a home located [redacted] from the corner of Tarrant Avenue and Haskins. Before an area search was conducted, canine units responded to the location and the suspect was apprehended. Witness Richards stated he did not see the actual apprehension of Suspect Wright. He remained at his containment spot, keeping the crime scene secured.

Deputy Richards assisted Homicide Investigators with crime scene security. Deputy Richards wrote the incident report for the deputy involved shooting, and canvassed the neighborhood for potential witnesses. Refer to Deputy Richard's criminal and supplemental reports, **[EXHIBIT A, PAGES 11-20]**.

Deputy Ernest Celaya

On December 19, 2017, IAB Sergeants [redacted] and David Moore #[redacted] conducted an interview of **Witness Deputy Ernest Celaya #[redacted]** at Internal Affairs Bureau. The interview was audio recorded and transcribed. The following is a summary of Deputy Celaya's interview. (Refer to the transcript for the complete interview).

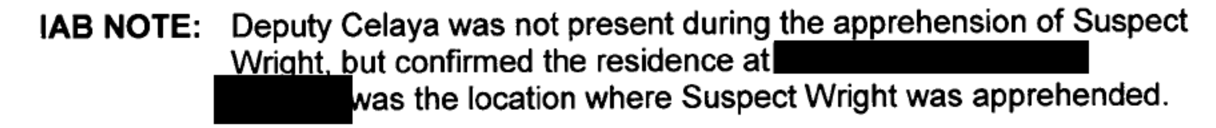
Deputy Celaya was assigned to Compton Station, early morning shift, unit 285E. His partner was Deputy Daniel Richards. They were at Compton Station when emergency radio traffic came out of a Deputy involved shooting. Deputies Celaya and Richards responded to Haskins Avenue, south of Alondra Boulevard. He estimated their response time to be approximately 5-6 minutes.

They realized the shooting occurred north of Alondra Boulevard and they repositioned their containment spot north of Alondra Boulevard, on the cul de sac of Tarrant Avenue. Deputy Celaya observed a patrol vehicle parked in the cul de sac facing in a southeast direction, and a white vehicle parked facing north.

Deputy Celaya observed Deputies Del Castillo and Covarrubias, and relieved them from their containment spot. Deputies Richards assumed the handled of the shooting and continued the coordination of the containment with ground units on scene. Within in ten to fifteen minutes Deputies Covarrubias and Del Castillo were removed from the scene and taken away from the location in a Chevy Tahoe.

IAB NOTE: Deputy Celaya could not recall who transported Deputies Covarrubias or Del Castillo from the scene of the shooting.

The containment was held for a while until the suspect's feet were observed on the front porch of a house located on Haskins Avenue. The suspect was arrested by SEB canine units.



IAB NOTE: Deputy Celaya was not present during the apprehension of Suspect Wright, but confirmed the residence at [redacted] was the location where Suspect Wright was apprehended.

Deputies Celaya and Richards secured the crime scene for Homicide Investigators and assisted with the towing of the white Infiniti. Refer to the CHP-180 **[EXHIBIT A, PAGE 28].**

Deputy Steven Kaniewski

On December 21, 2017, IAB Sergeant [redacted] interviewed **Witness Deputy Steven Kaniewski** at Internal Affairs Bureau. The interview was audio recorded and transcribed. The following is a summary of Deputy Kaniewski's interview. (Refer to the transcript for the complete interview).

Deputy Kaniewski was assigned to Compton Station early morning shift, unit 282E. Deputy Kaniewski was at Compton Station when he heard emergency radio traffic over the dispatch channel. He responded to Alondra Boulevard, west of Haskins Avenue. He estimated his response time to be approximately 2-3 minutes. A containment of the area was established within minutes, and Deputy Kaniewski maintained a containment spot on Alondra Boulevard, south of Tarrant Avenue or Haskins Avenue.

Deputy Kaniewski stated the suspect was located on a porch of a residence located on Haskins Avenue. SEB members deployed onto the scene, and it was his belief, based on radio traffic, a flash bang was deployed at the scene and shortly thereafter, the suspect was arrested.

IAB NOTE: Deputy Kaniewski's view of Haskins Avenue and Tarrant Avenue was obstructed.

Deputy Kaniewski was tasked with escorting Suspect Wright to UCLA Harbor General Hospital. He responded to Haskins Avenue and observed Suspect Wright being tended to by Compton Fire Paramedics. Suspect Wright sustained a gunshot wound to his leg. Deputy Kaniewski did not observe any other visible injuries on Suspect Wright.

Deputy Kaniewski estimated the containment of Suspect Wright lasted approximately one to two hours before he was apprehended.

Deputy [redacted]

On December 21, 2017, IAB Sergeants [redacted] and Tim Jordan #[redacted] interviewed **Witness Deputy** [redacted] at Internal Affairs Bureau. The interview was digitally audio recorded and transcribed. The following is a summary of Deputy [redacted] interview. (Refer to the transcript for the complete interview).

Deputy [redacted] was assigned to Compton Station early morning shift, unit 283E. Deputy [redacted] heard emergency radio traffic and later learned deputies were involved in a shooting. He responded to their location immediately and took a containment spot on Alondra Boulevard.

Deputy [redacted] remained on his containment spot until he was informed Suspect Wright was in custody. Suspect [redacted] was tasked with the transport of Suspect Wright to UCLA Harbor General Hospital.

Deputy Jason Phillippi

On December 19, 2017, IAB Sergeant [redacted] interviewed **Witness Deputy Jason Phillippi** at Special Enforcement Bureau. The interview was digitally audio recorded and transcribed. The following is a summary of Deputy Phillippi's interview. (Refer to the transcript for the complete interview).

Deputy Phillippi is a canine handler assigned to SEB. He was off-duty when he was called in from home for a deputy involved shooting. He responded from the Santa Clarita Valley to Compton, and estimated his response time to be approximately forty-five minutes.

As Deputy Phillippi entered the Compton area and monitored his mobile radio, he heard updated information the suspect was located, hiding on a porch. As Deputy Phillippi arrived on scene at Haskins Avenue and Alondra, SEB team members were formulating a tactical plan to apprehend the suspect.

He, along with other members of SEB, were deployed to [redacted]. They utilized an armored vehicle as cover. Initially he could not see the suspect. Several public address announcement were made for the suspect to crawl out from the porch area. Deputy Phillippi did not recall if a diversionary device was deployed, but they did notice the suspect was moving and was alive. The suspect crawled out from the porch area. An arrest team of 5-6 members approached the suspect with a shield, tactically from the south and moved in a western direction toward the residence. The suspect was compliant and arrested approximately 6-7 feet from the front porch area.

IAB NOTE: Deputy Phillippi explained the arrest team consisted of less lethal weapons, lethal weapons, and someone to give verbal commands.

IAB NOTE: Deputy Phillippi could not recall his assignment within the arrest team.

Deputy Gilbert Jurado

On December 19, 2017, IAB Sergeant [redacted] interviewed **Witness Deputy Gilbert Jurado #**[redacted] at Special Enforcement Bureau. The interview was digitally audio recorded and transcribed. The following is a summary of Deputy Jurado's interview. (Refer to the transcript for the complete interview).

Deputy Jurado, assigned to the SEB Canine unit heard emergency radio traffic of a deputy involved shooting in Compton. He responded from East Los Angeles and estimated his response time at approximately twenty minutes. Deputy Jurado was one of the first canine units to arrive on scene.

Deputy Jurado responded to the exact location of the shooting, and obtained suspect information and his last seen direction of travel. Deputy Jurado noted a containment was established, and he responded to the command post established at the CVS Pharmacy parking located at Avalon and Central Avenue, in Compton. He waited for additional canine handlers and member of the SEB special weapons team. He formulated a tactical plan and search for the suspect as resources arrived.

Prior to dividing the search areas between search teams, Deputy Jurado received information an individual was on the front porch of a home within the containment. Because there were sufficient SEB team members on scene, several members of SEB deployed to that location.

IAB NOTE: A photograph of the home located at [redacted] was identified by Deputy Jurado as the location they responded to.

Deputy Jurado estimated approximately ten team members were deployed to the home along with an armored vehicle, which was staged in front of the location, and used as cover by the arrest team. They observed legs on the front porch area, and made announcements for the suspect to come out. They received no response. An arrest team was established consisting of lethal weapons, less lethal weapons, two hands on deputies, and one team leader. Deputy Jurado was part of the arrest team with his dog deployed, however he trailed behind the actual arrest team. The suspect was arrested, and no force was used to apprehend the suspect.

IAB NOTE: Deputy Jurado could not identify which deputies responded to the scene, or which deputies were part of the arrest team.

Sergeant Spencer Reedy

On December 22, 2017, IAB Sergeant [redacted] interviewed **Witness Sergeant Spencer Reedy #**[redacted], at San Dimas Sheriff's Station. The interview was digitally audio recorded and transcribed. The following is a summary of Sergeant Reedy's interview. (Refer to the transcript for the complete interview).

Sergeant Reedy was a deputy assigned to the SEB Canine Unit. His call sign was 240K93. He responded to the scene of the shooting and noted a containment was established. Sergeant Reedy drove around the neighborhood to assist him in the formulation of a tactical search plan. Sergeant Reedy drove to the command post to work on the necessary resources for his search when he received information the suspect was located on a porch within the contained area. Members of SEB responded to the location and set up on the yard of the location.

IAB NOTE: Sergeant Reedy could not identify all members present during their approach of the location.

An arrest team consisting of SEB members approached the location utilizing an ARV as cover. Announcements were made to the suspect from behind the ARV. The front yard was illuminated with spot lights. A diversionary device was deployed and once the suspect came out from the porch, the arrest team walked up and handcuffed the suspect.

Deputy Shane Seacord

On December 26, 2017, IAB Sergeant [redacted] interviewed **Witness Deputy Shane Seacord #**[redacted] at the Special Enforcement Bureau. The interview was digitally audio recorded and transcribed. The following is a summary of Deputy Seacord's interview. (Refer to the transcript for the complete interview).

Deputy Seacord was activated to respond to a Compton Station, deputy involved shooting. He estimated his response time to be approximately 45 minutes. Just prior to his arrival, he overheard the air unit communicate to ground units, they had a heat source coming from the porch of a home. A special weapons team was organized to tactically approach the location. They positioned their ARV at a northwest angel in front of the location. They made public announcements from the ARV. They received no response from the suspect, and a diversionary device (flash bang) was deployed on the front lawn area, next to the porch. The flash bang provided the desired effect. The suspect was ordered out from the front porch area. He complied and crawled out onto the front lawn.

Due to his injuries, the special weapons team/arrest team approached the suspect. Deputy Seacord was assigned to provide cover security to the arrest team as they deployed. Deputy Seacord took a position in front of the arrest team and focused his attention on the porch area of the residence as the arrest team handcuffed Suspect Wright.

Deputy Darell Edwards

On December 26, 2017, IAB Sergeant [redacted] interviewed **Witness Deputy Darell Edwards #[redacted]**, at the Special Enforcement Bureau. The interview was digitally audio recorded and transcribed. The following is a summary of Deputy Edwards' interview. (Refer to the transcript for the complete interview).

Deputy Edward was assigned to the SEB Red Team, which had the PM duty on January 4, 2016. The team was requested to Compton to assist canine handlers with a search of a suspect involved in a shooting with Compton Station deputies. Deputy Edwards responded from the City of Lakewood and arrived in Compton within twenty minutes.

As he and other members of SEB planned a grid search for the outstanding suspect, the air unit advised the ground units on the containment, they had a good hot spot at a residence within the contained area.

SEB members responded to the location with an ARV and staged an arrest team. Announcements were made for the suspect to surrender. Deputies Edwards and Seacord were positioned at the residence just south of [redacted] From that location, they maintained a view of the front porch area.

No response was received from the suspect, and a diversionary device (flash bang) was deployed. Additional announcements were made for the suspect to step out from the porch area and show himself. At that time, the suspect crawled out from the porch area and was arrested without incident.

Sergeant Eric Lee

On December 26, 2017, IAB Sergeant [redacted] interviewed **Witness Sergeant Eric Lee #**[redacted] at the Special Enforcement Bureau. The interview was digitally audio recorded and transcribed. The following is a summary of Sergeant Lee's interview. (Refer to the transcript for the complete interview).

Sergeant Lee was assigned to SEB. He directly supervised the Red Team. On January 4, 2016, Sergeant Lee was called out from home. He was informed Compton Station deputies were involved in a shooting and one suspect was outstanding. He responded to a command post located at Central and Alondra Boulevard.

When he arrived on scene and prior to conducting an area search for the suspect, the air unit relayed information to ground units that they had a hot spot on a porch of a home. Members of SEB formed an arrest team and approached the home utilizing cover from an ARV. Several public address announcements were made for the suspect to surrender. A diversionary device was deployed, and the suspect crawled out from the porch area and was arrested without incident.

Deputy Juan Rodriguez

On December 27, 2017, IAB Sergeant [redacted] interviewed **Witness Deputy Juan Rodriguez #**[redacted], at the Special Enforcement Bureau. The interview was digitally audio recorded and transcribed. The following is a summary of Deputy Rodriguez' interview. (Refer to the transcript for the complete interview).

Deputy Rodriguez was assigned to the SEB, Red Team. On January 4, 2016, the Red Team was called to assist canine units with a search of an outstanding suspect. As Deputy Rodriguez was en route to the call, the air unit advised they had a hot spot on the front porch of a residence.

Deputy Rodriguez drove straight to Haskins Avenue and deployed with the tactical team. He was assigned to cover the residence's garage located at the west end of the property. Deputy Rodriguez recalled announcements being made to the suspect, instructing him to surrender. He was not certain, but believed a diversionary device (flash bang) was deployed.

Deputy Rodriguez could not visibly see the suspect, but assumed he walked out toward the arrest team and was apprehended without incident.

Sergeant John Cook

On December 27, 2017, IAB Sergeant [redacted] interviewed **Witness Sergeant John Cook #**[redacted] at the Special Enforcement Bureau. The interview was digitally audio recorded and transcribed. The following is a summary of Sergeant Cook's interview. (Refer to the transcript for the complete interview).

Sergeant Cook was assigned to the SEB Canine Unit. On January 4, 2016, he along with other canine handlers responded to Compton regarding a deputy involved shooting. He was informed there was one outstanding suspect. As the canine handlers gathered information about the suspect, and his last seen direction, the air unit advised ground units they believed they found the suspect.

Members of SEB formed an arrest team. As they approached [redacted], they took cover behind an AVR. They parked the ARV at an angle on the front yard of the residence. Announcements were made for the suspect to surrender. The suspect did not respond and a diversionary device (flash bang) was deployed onto the front yard. The flash bang had the desired effect and the suspect crawled out from the porch. He was arrested without incident.

Sergeant Angel Fisher

On December 29, 2017, IAB Sergeant [redacted] interviewed **Witness Sergeant Angel Fisher #**[redacted] at Internal Affairs Bureau. The interview was digitally audio recorded and transcribed. The following is a summary of Sergeant Fisher's interview. (Refer to the transcript for the complete interview).

Sergeant Fisher was a field sergeant assigned to Compton Station, unit 285S on the early morning shift. Her shift began at [redacted] hours. Sergeant Fisher was driving in her marked patrol vehicle when she heard emergency radio traffic and a request for assisting units to respond to Haskins Avenue and Alondra Boulevard for a deputy involved shooting.

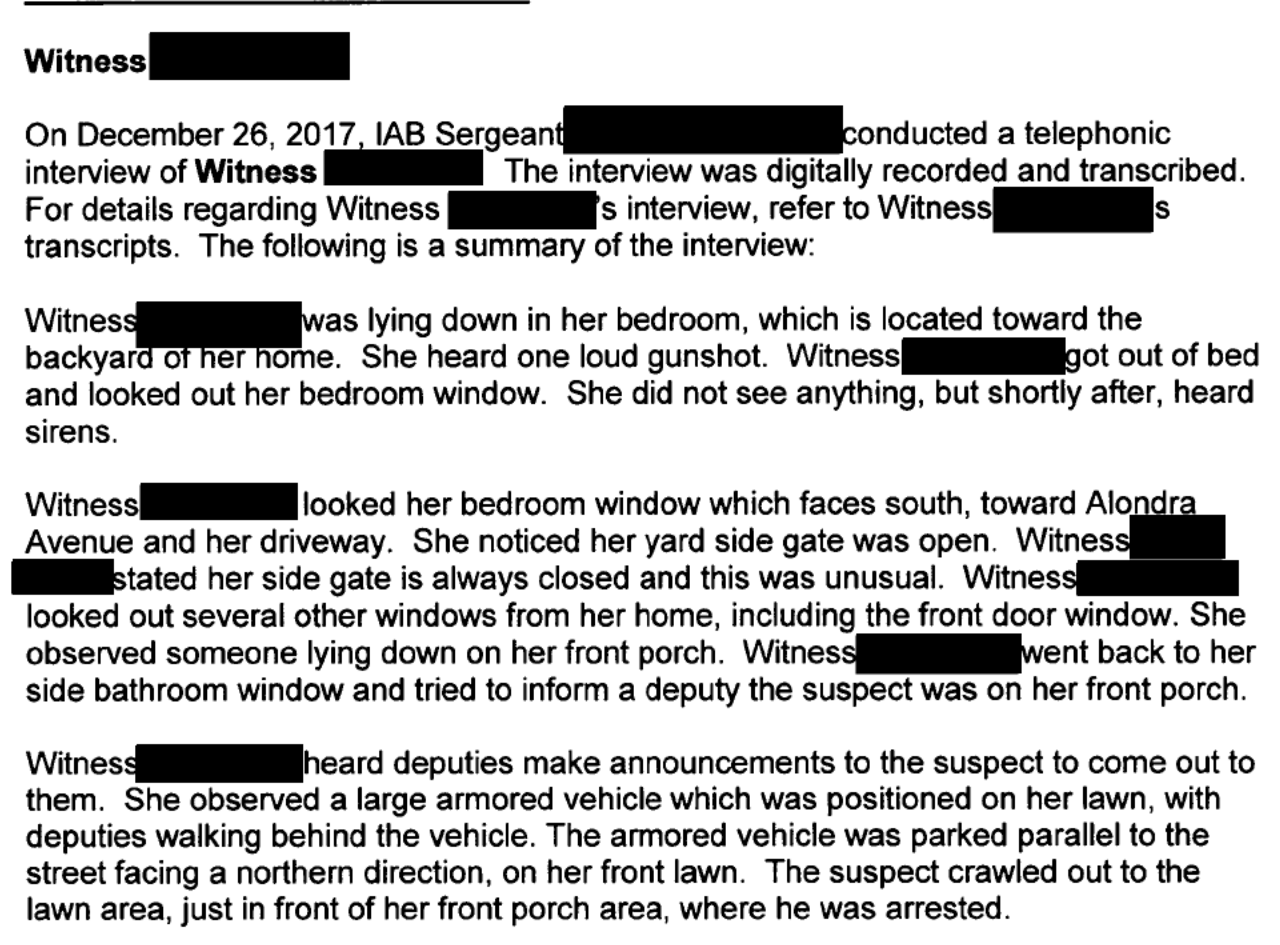
Sergeant Fisher approached the location from Alondra Boulevard, and drove northbound on Tarrant Avenue. She observed a patrol vehicle parked at the corner of Haskins Avenue and Visalia Avenue.

When she turned westbound on Tarrant Avenue, she parked her vehicle just north of the cul de sac and made contact with one of the deputies involved in the shooting. (Sergeant Fisher could not recall which deputy contacted her). The deputy advised Sergeant Fisher, the suspect pointed a firearm at him and jumped over a wall, into a backyard.

A containment of the area was established within minutes. An air unit was overhead, and canine units were requested to assist with the location and apprehension of the suspect. Sergeant Fisher tactically repositioned some patrol vehicles located on Tarrant Avenue. An AR-15 and shotgun were assigned to deputies and deployed on scene. Sergeant Fisher remained on scene. A command post was established off site.

Sergeant Fisher estimated deputies involved in the shooting were removed from the scene with thirty minutes.

Sergeant Fisher stated she remained on Tarrant Avenue just northwest of where the shooting occurred. She was not present during the apprehension of Suspect Wright or for the field show-up conducted by the involved deputies.



CIVILIAN WITNESS STATEMENT:

Witness [redacted]

On December 26, 2017, IAB Sergeant [redacted] conducted a telephonic interview of **Witness** [redacted] The interview was digitally recorded and transcribed. For details regarding Witness [redacted]'s interview, refer to Witness [redacted]s transcripts. The following is a summary of the interview:

Witness [redacted] was lying down in her bedroom, which is located toward the backyard of her home. She heard one loud gunshot. Witness [redacted] got out of bed and looked out her bedroom window. She did not see anything, but shortly after, heard sirens.

Witness [redacted] looked her bedroom window which faces south, toward Alondra Avenue and her driveway. She noticed her yard side gate was open. Witness [redacted] stated her side gate is always closed and this was unusual. Witness [redacted] looked out several other windows from her home, including the front door window. She observed someone lying down on her front porch. Witness [redacted] went back to her side bathroom window and tried to inform a deputy the suspect was on her front porch.

Witness [redacted] heard deputies make announcements to the suspect to come out to them. She observed a large armored vehicle which was positioned on her lawn, with deputies walking behind the vehicle. The armored vehicle was parked parallel to the street facing a northern direction, on her front lawn. The suspect crawled out to the lawn area, just in front of her front porch area, where he was arrested.

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IAB NOTE: Witness [redacted] stated she had stepped away from the window at the time the suspect was apprehended and did not actually witness the handcuffing of Suspect Wright.

Witness [redacted]

On December 26, 2017, IAB Sergeant [redacted] conducted a telephonic interview of **Witness** [redacted] The interview was digitally recorded and transcribed. For details regarding Witness [redacted]'s interview, refer to Witness [redacted]s transcripts. The following is a summary of the interview:

Witness [redacted] was entering his home from the backyard, when he heard the screeching of a vehicle and yelling. Witness [redacted] heard a gunshot, and observed the suspect jump the cinder block wall behind his house and enter his backyard. Witness [redacted] heard his side gate open and could also hear what appeared to be someone hitting the side wall of his bedroom.

IAB NOTE: Witness [redacted]'s bedroom is located on the south side of the residence.

Witness [redacted] observed the suspect take cover on the front porch of his house and remain there until a special weapons team arrived on scene with an armored vehicle. They made announcements for the suspect to come out and surrender.

Witness [redacted] observed deputies focused on the suspect, and his front porch area. He immediately retreated to the rear of his home to avoid a possible gunfight. When he walked back toward the front of the house, he observed the suspect was apprehended. Deputies searched the suspect and recovered a phone and bag of marijuana. The suspect was treated by paramedics and removed from the scene.

Witness [redacted]

On December 27, 2017, IAB Sergeant [redacted] conducted a telephonic interview of **Witness** [redacted] The interview was digitally recorded and transcribed. For details regarding Witness [redacted]'s interview, refer to Witness [redacted]s transcripts. The following is a summary of the interview

Witness [redacted] resides at [redacted] just [redacted] of the home where Suspect Wright was arrested. Witness [redacted] heard glass shatter from the front northeast corner bedroom. He immediately went into the room to find the source of the noise.

IAB NOTE: Witness [redacted] recalled events of the incident, but had a difficult time recalling the sequence of those events. He confirmed the sequence of events were consistent with the sequence of events provided in the supplemental report provided by Homicide Investigators.

Witness [redacted] recalled blue and red lights flashing outside and coming through the windows of the home. He believed a home was possibly being raided. When he looked out toward the front of his residence, he observed officers in tactical gear and a large truck parked on the front lawn of [redacted]. The truck was parked facing the residence at an angle.

Witness [redacted] heard what he believed was a bullhorn and announcements being made. Witness [redacted] heard a loud boom, which he believed was a shotgun. He immediately gathered his children, who were asleep inside the home, and kept them in a room, within his presence.

Witness [redacted] did not witness the arrest of the suspect.

SUSPECT STATEMENT:

Suspect Derrick Wright was interviewed by IAB Sergeant [redacted] on December 20, 2017. A telephonic interview was conducted due to Suspect Wrights incarceration at the California Department of Corrections, Pelican Bay State Prison. The interview was digitally audio recorded and transcribed. For details of Suspect Wright's interview, see Suspect Wright's transcripts. Suspect Wright was interviewed by Homicide Investigators on January 5, 2016. The audio recording of their interview is contained on a thumb drive labeled **[EXHIBIT B].**

Prior to being contacted by deputies, Suspect Wright was sitting in his parked vehicle watching a video. Suspect Wright stated he was sitting in the driver's seat of the vehicle, with the seat reclined. Suspect Wright noticed lights coming into the interior of the vehicle and feared he would be attacked by gang members within the area. He immediately sat up and observed two large figures approaching his vehicle.

IAB NOTE: Suspect Wright stated he was blinded by the headlights of the vehicle parked directly in front of his, and was unaware deputies were approaching his vehicle.

Fearing for his safety, Suspect Wright exited the vehicle from the driver's door, and ran southbound toward the rear of his vehicle. Suspect Wright rounded the trunk of his vehicle and traveled eastbound toward a white fence. Suspect Wright never looked back and scaled the white fence. As he lifted his left leg to jump over the fence, he was shot in the left ankle. Suspect Wright stated he was never given any orders to stop, and he never looked back to determine who was actually approaching his vehicle.

> **IAB NOTE:** During his homicide interview, Suspect Wright stated he observed deputies just prior to the deputies exiting their patrol vehicle to contact him. Additionally he stated deputies were vocal and it was apparent they wanted him to stop. Suspect Wright admitted he ran from deputies because he was a felon and there was a firearm in the vehicle.

As Suspect Wright fell into the backyard of a home located on Haskins Avenue, and stopped on the front porch of that residence. Suspect Wright passed out on the front porch for approximately 15 minutes, and awoken by a large explosion, which he described as an "M-80" firework.

> **IAB NOTE:** A diversionary device (flash bang) was deployed by SEB on the front lawn of [redacted]

Suspect Wright observed a tactical team of deputies in front of the location who ordered him to crawl out from the porch area with his face down. Suspect Wright complied and he crawled out to the front lawn area of the residence. He informed deputies at the scene he was injured with a gunshot wound.

Suspect Wright was arrested by deputies on the front lawn of the residence. He was treated by paramedics on scene before being transported to the hospital.

Suspect Wright stated he never had a firearm in his possession when he fled the area, and the firearm recovered in the white Infiniti was planted by the deputies.

> **IAB NOTE:** During his homicide interview, Suspect Wright told investigators he was a gang member and possessed a firearm for protection. Suspect Wright provided investigators with a description of the firearm.

Suspect Wright stated he smoked marijuana earlier on the date of the incident.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Homicide Investigators presented the shooting investigation to the Justice Systems Integrity Division of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office for review, who found the shooting to be in self defense and reasonable. For further details regarding their review, refer to the District Attorney's Letter of Opinion **[EXHIBIT G].**